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SUBJECT: MIYAZAWA CONDOLENCE VISIT TO SAUDI ARABIA

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1. HIGHPOINT OF TEN HOURS THAT FONMIN MIYAZAWA SPENT IN RIYADH MARCH 29 WAS 20-MINUTE AUDIENCE WITH KING KHALED. SANDWICHED IN THE SCHEDULE BETWEEN IMELDA MARCOS AND THE PRESIDENT OF UPPER VOLTA, MIYAZAWA AND ALL OTHER MEMBERS OF HIS PARTY (INCLUDING SOURCE OF THIS CABLE, MIDDLE EASTERN AFFAIRS DEP DIRGEN MURATA) WERE RECEIVED BY KING IN COMPANY OF CROWN PRINCE FAHD AND TEN OTHER MEMBERS OF THE ROYAL FAMILY. FOREIGN MINISTER TOLD KING OF EMPEROR'S SORROW OVER DEATH OF KING FAISAL, HANDED KING LETTER OF CONDOLENCE FROM PRIME MINISTER MIKI, AND EXPRESSED DESIRE THAT COOPERATION BETWEEN JAPAN AND SAUDI ARABIA COULD BE FURTHER STRENGTHENED. IN ABSTRACT AND FORMAL CONVERSATION THAT FOLLOWED, CROWN PRINCE AGREED THAT RELATIONS BETWEEN THE COUNTRIES SHOULD BE STRENGTHENED. THE KING EXPRESSED PLEASURE THAT MIYAZAWA HAD COME AND DEEP SADNESS OVER THE DEATH OF FAISAL, WHOSE
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PASSING HE DESCRIBED AS A SEVERE BLOW TO THE ENTIRE ARAB

WORLD.

2. MURATA DESCRIBED ATMOSPHERE OF PALACE AS REDOLENT WITH GLOOM. HIS IMPRESSION WAS THAT GOVERNMENT SO PREOCCUPIED WITH EVENTS OF PAST FEW DAYS THAT LITTLE THINKING ABOUT FUTURE HAD BEEN DONE. CROWN PRINCE GAVE IMPRESSION OF HAVING CONTROL OVER SUBSTANCE OF POLICY.

3. JAPANESE WOULD BE INTERESTED IN ANY IMPRESSIONS WE CAN PASS ALONG GAINED DURING VICE PRESIDENT ROCKEFELLER'S CALL ON NEW KING, AS WELL AS ESTIMATES OF POLICY IMPLICATIONS OF FAISAL'S DEATH. EMBASSY WOULD LIKE TO OBLIGE.
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